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1. The munitions plant #359 at Pavlograd (48.33N - 35.52 E) was subordinate to the People's Commissariat for Munitions. Military supply plants and factories were run by draft-exempt civilians (the Russian term: v bron'i). The only military person at the plant was an inspector (priyomschik) whose duty it was to accept for the military the munitions produced by the plant. All control over security, secret documents and personnel was handled by the special department (spetsotdyel).

2. [redacted] the spetsotdyel was responsible for taking draft cards (voinskiye bilyety) of the draft exempt employees to the draft (voenkomat) which stamped on the card the official notice of the bearer's draft-exempt status. This procedure was required to be completed within 24 hours after mobilization had been declared. The director of the plant was also responsible for submitting to the draft board names of employees without whom, in his consideration, he could not continue production. In the Pavlograd plant about 85% of the employees were draft exempt. The financial section concerning mobilization had only the one provision that funds were to be kept in readiness at Gosbank to pay off in cash within 24 hours all employees who were being called into military service.

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3. [redacted] Plans of these warehouses were highly secret documents retained in the files of the People's Commissariat for Munitions.

4. When the Germans approached in 1941 the Pavlograd plant management was instructed to evacuate all equipment. Some of the equipment was evacuated; some was kept in operation to supply the front, and the rest was bombed out by the Germans.

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